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Re: Our Files 582-534 and -555 West Germany
PM 478 and 509

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Dear Bill:

We refer to our letter of December 13, 1971 in connection with the -555 case and request, if possible, that you send us your instructions regarding response by January 15, 1972.

In connection with the -534 case, we have received a further Official Action and enclose a photoprint of the same for your consideration and comments.

You will note the Examiner has given a similar rejection in this case as was rendered in the -555 case in that he holds that while novelty and step forward are present, the invention is lacking in inventive level or quality. As you know such rejections are very difficult to overcome on appeal.

The Examiner also indicates that he is prepared to have an interview with the agent but does not hold out much hope that anything will result from an interview.

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Since response is due February 15, 1972, we would like to have your instructions not later than January 15, 1972.

Very truly yours,

George J. Brandt, Jr.

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